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From: *J. Foster Collins*  
J. Foster Collins, Acting Treasury  
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Subject: Comment on your Draft of Presidential Priorities

I have discussed your draft questions with the Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs Solomon. We appreciate the opportunity to comment and have the following suggestions.

On the international economic issues under Section I.4 we suggest the following additions in order to emphasize those aspects which the intelligence community can add to the regular analysis of the economic agencies.

In the first tick add the following phrase before economic growth "political and economic forces which will affect the".

In the second tick substitute the following for principal objectives "strategies, tactics and internal factors which bear on the positions".

In Section II.5 add "What emphasis and priority will the Soviets put on US-Soviet trade?"

In Section III under Latin America we would suggest the following two additions:

Brazil: Provide periodic assessments on the effect which U.S. positions on nuclear safeguards and human rights have on basic U.S. political and trade relations. How do these issues interact with political and economic developments within Brazil?

Mexico: Assess the impact of Mexico's financial and economic problems on the basic political stability of the Mexican Government and its bilateral relations with the U.S.

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